Compliance Assistance Resources for Hospitals & Healthcare Facilities

Air (Clean Air Act): Compliance and enforcement information relating to the Clean Air Act, as well as EPA Region 4 Air Contacts. http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/enforce/index.htm

Air Pollution & Radiation Exposure: EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) develops national programs, technical policies, and regulations for controlling air pollution and radiation exposure. http://www.epa.gov/oar/

Asbestos: Information on asbestos regulations, renovation, demolition, and EPA contacts. http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/asbestos/ and www.epa.gov/asbestos/pubs/asbreg.html

Audit Policy: Information about the EPA Audit Policy (Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosure, Correction and Prevention of Violations). http://www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/auditing/index.html

Audit Protocols: EPA's Audit Protocols assist the regulated community in developing programs to help evaluate compliance with environmental requirements. http://www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/auditing/protocol.html

Compliance Assistance for the Healthcare Sector: EPA website with information and compliance assistance resources for the healthcare sector. http://www.epa.gov/compliance/assistance/sectors/healthcare.html

Compliance Assistance Centers: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has sponsored partnerships with industry, academic institutions, environmental groups, and other agencies to launch sector-specific Compliance Assistance Centers. http://www.assistancecenters.net/

Compliance Assistance by Statute: Statute-specific environmental information, and links to tools and resources to assist facilities in complying with laws and regulations. www.epa.gov/compliance/assistance/bystatute/index.html

Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA): EPCRA was enacted by Congress as the national legislation on community safety, designated to help local communities protect public health, safety and the environment from chemical hazards. http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/epcra/

Environmental Compliance Assistance Platform (EnvCAP): The Environmental Compliance Assistance Platform (EnvCAP) is an online tool with information about environmental regulations. The website also includes regulations and information locators by state. http://www.envcap.org/

Environmental Laws: Environmental laws have special requirements for business and industry. This website provides information, environmental management tools, and incentives to assist the regulated community in complying with the laws. http://www.epa.gov/compliance/basics/laws.html

Environmental Virtual Campus: The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) developed the "Environmental Virtual Campus", to assist institutions with regulatory compliance. While the website was developed with colleges and universities in mind, it's also helpful to other institutions and facilities. http://www.c2e2.org/evc/home/html

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA): FIFRA applies to a wide variety of sanitizers, disinfectants and sterilants used in healthcare facilities. http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/laws.htm

Hazardous Waste: Hazardous waste regulations are enforced under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). This website provides information about waste management, clean-up, enforcement, and contacts. http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/laws-reg.htm

Healthcare Environmental Resource Center (HERC): Pollution prevention and compliance assistance information for the healthcare sector – a comprehensive resource, covering all varieties of hospital wastes and rules that apply to them, including both federal regulations and specific rules that apply in your state. http://www.hercenter.org/

Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E): The H2E website provides information on federal and state regulations, including hazardous materials, regulated medical waste, waste reduction, and other areas, as well as information on OSHA regulations and links to state regulations. http://www.h2e-online.org/

Infectious Waste Incinerators at Hospitals: Information regarding EPA's air emission regulations for hospital /medical/infectious waste incinerators. http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/129/hmiwi/rihmiwi.html

Medical Waste: This website includes a description of medical waste; list of common medical waste materials; information about emissions from medical waste incinerators; links to regulatory agencies; and other helpful website links. http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/other/medical

Mercury: Information about safe mercury management, laws and regulations, as well as what to do to address mercury spills and clean-up. http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/mercury/faq/spills.htm

Mold Remediation: Investigating, evaluating and remediating moisture and mold problems. http://www.epa.gov/mold/i-e-r.html

National Compliance Assistance Centers: Each of these Centers addresses issues faced by a specific industry or government sector, and provides information in various forms, including websites; telephone assistance lines; fax-back systems; e-mail discussion groups; and others. http://www.assistancecenters.net/

National Environmental Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse: This online guide to environmental compliance resources provides quick access to compliance assistance tools, contacts, and planned activities from EPA, its partners, and other compliance assistance providers. http://www.cfpub.epa.gov/clearinghouse/

OSHA's "E-Tool" for Hospitals: OSHA's eTool* focuses on occupational health and safety hazards and controls found in hospitals and describes standard requirements as well as recommended safe work practices for employee safety and health. http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/hospital/mainpage.html

Pesticides: A comprehensive "one-stop" website for information about pesticides. www.epa.gov/pesticides/

Pollution Prevention (P2): Information about EPA's air emission regulations for hospital/medical/infectious waste incinerators. http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/laws/htm

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBS): Links to information, laws and regulations; health effects and contacts. http://www.epa.gov/pcb/

Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC): http://www.epa.gov/oilspill/spcc_dec06.htm and http://www.epa.gov/oilspill/index.htm

Water: Laws, Regulations, Policy, Guidance and Legislation. http://www.epa.gov/water/laws.html

Water – Stormwater Program: Technical and regulatory information about the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater program. http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/home.cfm?program_id=6